

FIREFIGHTER*Class Definition*

Under supervision, responds to fire incidents and emergency calls with a fire company; participates in fire prevention programs; may be assigned to a paramedic unit.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Firefighter is the journey level class in the fire service. Incumbents perform the full range of firefighting duties in the protection of life and property. Duties are usually performed under emergency conditions, frequently involving considerable hazard. Firefighters receive thorough training in modern firefighting techniques and equipment, fire prevention, emergency medical care, C.P.R., salvage, and related activities. After successful completion of the probationary period, incumbents may have the opportunity to receive paramedic training and be assigned as a firefighter/paramedic. This class is distinguished from Firefighter Specialist in that incumbents of the latter perform either journey level operation of fire apparatus or fire investigation duties. It is distinguished from Firefighter Recruit in that the latter is a training class.

Typical Tasks

(This list of samples of job duties and responsibilities is neither inclusive or exclusive. Consequently, this information does not reflect Essential Functions for this class.)

Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with a company; fights fire as directed using proper firefighting techniques.

Controls and extinguishes fires; lays and connects hose and directs water or chemicals onto fire.

Enters and ventilates burning buildings by opening doors and windows; uses hand and power tools.

Raises, positions, and climbs ladders used in the ventilation of buildings, and the rescue of persons.

Administers artificial respiration, C.P.R., and first aid to injured persons.

Places salvage covers; removes water and debris; and performs other salvage operations.

Participates in drills and training sessions in first aid and firefighting techniques.

Participates in hydrant inspections.

Conducts fire prevention inspections and tests fire protection equipment.

Performs assigned duties in inspecting, maintaining, and cleaning apparatus, equipment, fire station, and grounds.

May be assigned to a paramedic unit; responds to emergency situations and administers advanced life support services under the direction of a hospital emergency facility.

Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills

Ability to perform the full range of firefighting duties.

Ability to perform prolonged and arduous tasks under adverse conditions.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.

Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions.

Ability to understand and apply codes and ordinances pertaining to fire prevention.

Ability to maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the public.

Minimum Qualifications

Successful completion of the Fresno Fire Department recruit academy.

Necessary Special Requirements

Employees hired into the City of Fresno fire service after July 1, 1986 must possess and maintain, as a minimum, a current Emergency Medical Technician I-Ambulance (EMT I-A) certificate.

Must possess or obtain, as a minimum, a valid Class B California Driver's License with firefighter restriction and tank endorsement, and without air brake restriction, within 30 days of completion of the recruit academy.

APPROVED: _____
Director of Administrative Services

DATE: _____